

anything and he doesn't have to register for the draft. Governor Orr can appoint any male over the age of 26 and they will not be discriminated against because they didn't register for the draft. It is a very discriminatory thing, but what I hate most of all about this is this. The federal government once again is blackmailing us.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: They are blackmailing your children, your sons. They are saying that all the announcements on television, in the newspapers, all of their own mailings and everything, no young man is aware of that he has to register for the draft, so the way to get his attention is to deny him the rights that we give to every other male under 18 and over 26 and every female, no matter what age. Let's just pick on them. Let's force those who are conscientious objectors to make a decision. This is not the first bill that the federal government has come to us with, blackmailing our own citizens. In General Affairs we killed a bill that said if the federal government puts a lien on somebody's property, we want the State of Nebraska to deny them a license to do business. Today it is just young males, 18 to 26.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Who will it be next year that they want to take away their rights? Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Hefner, I'm pleased to announce that I have several guests in the north balcony. There are 8 seventh and eighth graders from Phelps County, District R-4, and their teacher. Would you people please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We appreciate your visiting today. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Peterson's amendment. I feel that it is a good amendment and it needs to be adopted to put this bill in the form that it should be in. Let's remember that there are approximately 300,000 in this age group and if they don't get registered, the penalties are kind of severe, plus it makes them ineligible for many programs and services that the federal government provides. Let me give you another reason. There are only two states, or there...all but two states allow this to be done, and so I see no reason why Nebraska shouldn't do it. Why